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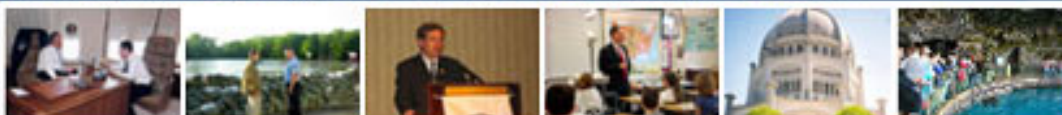
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For 40 years Medicare provided health care to millions of older Americans and people with disabilities. During four decades of Medicare's service, the way we treat illness changed. Today, prescription drugs and preventive screenings for many diseases are common practice. To respond, Medicare is enhancing the services available to seniors and adding a prescription drug benefit.

On January 1, 2006, the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit goes into effect. Everyone enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B will be eligible to participate in this plan, called "Medicare Part D." This fall, Medicare will send all eligible participants information needed to enroll in this voluntary plan. With a \$250 deductible and a monthly fee of approximately \$35, Medicare will pay 75 percent of the costs of drugs up to \$2,250. After incurring \$3,600 of out-of-pocket expenses on prescription drugs, Medicare will pay 95 percent of the cost of your medications.

In the coming weeks, Medicare patients will receive more information. To help you better understand the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit, please carefully review this newsletter with up-to-date information on the plan and how it will serve you.

Over the past few months, I traveled throughout the Tenth District discussing these new benefits under Medicare with seniors, veterans and others eligible for coverage. As we move into the enrollment phase of this important program, please call upon my district office at 847-940-0202 for any assistance you may need.

I am honored to represent you in the Congress.

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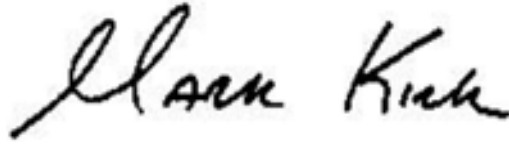
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